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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification  
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113)
  - [ Total Sheets 2 ]
  - [ Total Pages  ]
5. Oath or Declaration
  - a.  Unsigned
  - b.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

18. This application is:

Continuation    Divisional    Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Prior application information:

Examiner Unknown

of prior application No.: 10/195,773

Group Art Unit: Unknown

As a CON, DIV, or CIP, this application contains one or more changes to (1) the specification; (2) drawings; or (3) claims in the above-identified prior application. A red-line version of the application showing these changes will be made available to the examiner upon request.

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8403.972

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	46	minus 20 = * 26
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	8	minus 3 = * 5
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		0

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
	\$ 0		\$ 0
x \$ 9	= 0	x \$ 18	= 468
x 42	= 0	x 84	= 420
+ 140	= 0	+ 280	= 0
TOTAL	0	TOTAL	888

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			
						RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	** 20	= 0	x \$ 9	= 0	x \$ 18	= 0
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	*** 3	= 0	x 42	= 0	x 84	= 0

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN  
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RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
x \$ 9	= 0	x \$ 18	= 0
x 42	= 0	x 84	= 0
+ 140	= 0	+ 280	= 0
TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			
						RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=	x \$ 9	= 0	x \$ 18	= 0
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=	x 42	= 0	x 84	= 0

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
x \$ 9	= 0	x \$ 18	= 0
x 42	= 0	x 84	= 0
+ 140	= 0	+ 280	= 0
TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0

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AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			
						RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=	x \$ 9	= 0	x \$ 18	= 0
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=	x 42	= 0	x 84	= 0

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
x \$ 9	= 0	x \$ 18	= 0
x 42	= 0	x 84	= 0
+ 140	= 0	+ 280	= 0
TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0

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